

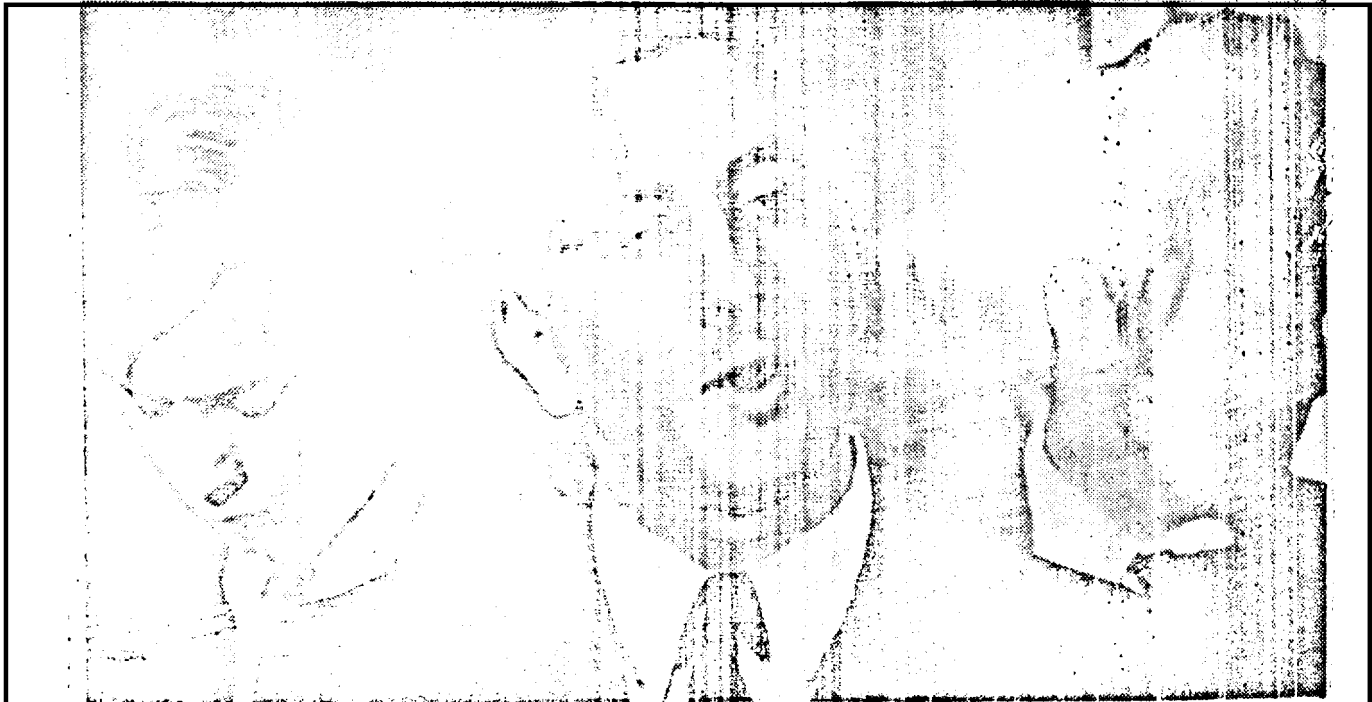
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Say CIA Won't Charge Students

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Eugene Groves, Student Association President, Tells of Decision to End CIA Ties

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Washington—The Central Intelligence Agency won't go gunning for the members of the National Student Association who revealed their clandestine relationship with the super-secret agency, it was confirmed last night, but Congress may go gunning for the CIA.

A government source said last night that the members of the association who revealed the CIA's 15-year agreement with the group "could be prosecuted under espionage laws." He said, however, that "the government would have to prove that the students meant to harm the nation or play into the hands of a foreign power."

He said, "The CIA does not believe that the members of the National Student Association intended to harm the U.S. in this situation and, unless something is revealed by the students which would harm the security of the nation, there will be no prosecution."

But while the CIA appeared to be taking a somewhat lenient attitude toward student association members for telling persons who later told Ramparts magazine about the 15-year pact with the CIA, members of Congress were demanding an immediate, full-scale investigation of the CIA's involvement with the student group and with other private groups. The demands for an investigation did not displease the student association. Association President Eugene Groves said that he hoped the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or some other appropriate committee "will be able to conduct a full investigation."

One of the demands came from Rep. William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.), who said, "I think there is no question but that the Congress should step in and investigate..." Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) asked for such an investigation and added: "We must press for greater congressional control" over the CIA because "it could become an arm over which nobody can be held responsible." Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) said he wanted an appropriate Senate committee to investigate the CIA, particularly the agency's dealings with the student association. Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) criticized the CIA, saying that "things that should have been open were clandestine." He said President Johnson should have supervised the agency more closely and that Congress should apply "legislative oversight."

Groves said the association "is turning its past records over to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold until such time as the Congress shall determine an appropriate means to examine the subject of the relationship between the CIA and private organizations engaged in international relations." Groves' statement came Saturday following a closed-door meeting of the student association's supervisory board. The demands of congressmen for an investigation came earlier Saturday.

There were these additional developments over the weekend in the growing controversy surrounding the CIA

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• The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. disclosed that Continued

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students in Canada as well as in the U.S. may have received funds from the CIA.

- The American Newspaper Guild denied that it knowingly accepted more than \$1,000,000 in grants from foundations used as conduits by the CIA, the Empire State District council, representing 8,000 members of the Guild in New York and New Jersey, conceded that it had been financed since 1961 by four private foundations, one of which was said to be a CIA front.

- The list of secret subsidy programs of the CIA, which began to sprout last week with the disclosures by the National Student Association that the CIA used staff members of the association as undercover agents overseas

and arranged draft deferments for the association's officials, grew larger.

The revelation by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. came yesterday. Network officials said the Canadian Union of Students received \$1,500 in 1965 and a matching amount last year from the New York-based Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs. That foundation was identified as one of the contributors to the U.S. National Student Association, which admitted last week that it had been receiving CIA funds for the past 15 years.

According to the network, which has its headquarters in Montreal, the money that was given to the Union of Students in Canada was to have been used for student seminars. Douglas Ward, the president of the student union, said he had no idea that any of the money which the union received "Came from the American spy organization."

The denials by the American Newspaper Guild were voiced Saturday in a joint statement by Guild President Arthur Rosenstock, Executive Vice President William J. Parson and Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik Jr. They said: "... Through Jan. 31, 1967, financial assistance totaling \$1,004,000 has been received by the Guild and is used solely for its international affairs program . . . From the Labor Movement (\$10,000), and from five foundations, the Granary Fund of Boston (\$20,000), the Andrew Hamilton Fund of Philadelphia (\$90,000), the Broad-High Foundation of Columbus, Ohio (\$343,000), the Chesapeake Foundation of Baltimore (\$328,000) and the Warden Trust of Cleveland (\$33,000.)"